

REMARKS

Claim status

Claims 1-78 were pending in the case at the time of the current Office Action. Claims 27-78 are cancelled herein. Claims 1-26 are currently pending in the application.

Section 101 rejections

In the current Office action, claims 73-75 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Applicants respectfully traverse the foregoing rejections in view of the above pending claims and for reasons set forth hereafter.

Claims 73-75 have been cancelled herein and claims 73-75 or similar claims may be pursued by the Applicant in a continuation patent application.

Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 73-75 under 35 U.S.C. 101 be removed.

Section 102 rejections

In the current Office action, claims 27-30, 32-35 37-41, 43-48, 50-53, 55-62, 64-65, 67-71, and 76-78 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Cadwell (US 4,940,453), hereinafter Cadwell.

Applicants respectfully traverse the foregoing rejections in view of the above pending claims and for reasons set forth hereafter.

Claims 27-30, 32-35 37-41, 43-48, 50-53, 55-62, 64-65, 67-71, and 76-78 have been cancelled herein, and claims 27-30, 32-35 37-41, 43-48, 50-53, 55-62, 64-65, 67-71, and 76-78 may be pursued by the Applicant in a continuation patent application.

Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 27-30, 32-35 37-41, 43-48, 50-53, 55-62, 64-65, 67-71, and 76-78 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) be removed.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the current Office action, claims 1-26 are allowed. Applicants respectfully thank the Examiner for allowance of claims 1-26.

In the current Office action, claims 31, 36, 42, 49, 54, 63, 66, and 72 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if re-written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 31, 36, 42, 49, 54, 63, 66, and 72 have been cancelled herein and claims 31, 36, 42, 49, 54, 63, 66, and 72 or similar claims may be pursued by the Applicant in a continuation patent application.

Applicants respectfully request that the objections to claims 31, 36, 42, 49, 54, 63, 66, and 72 be removed.

Accordingly, the applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejections and objections based on at least the foregoing. After such reconsideration, it is urged that allowance of all pending claims will be in order.

Respectfully submitted,



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